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Aerial And Naval Services Stressed Under \$63,000,000 Program.

OTTAWA, April 26—(CP)—Defence Minister MacKenzie today announced pilots for the Royal Air Force will receive training in Canada with the Royal Canadian Air Force under an agreement between the Governments of Canada and Great Britain.

They will receive their training at Trenton and Camp Borden establishments and will share in a greatly expanded training scheme for the Canadian forces. This involves the creation of a new class of short service officers for Canada's defence.

In a two-hour review of the accomplishments and plans of the national defence department, Mr. MacKenzie formally introduced in the Commons the Government's \$63,000,000 defence program for the fiscal year.

Training of British pilots in Canada was the subject of debate in Parliament last session and negotiations looking to a new agreement quietly for nearly a year.

Arrangements Not Concluded "While the final detailed technical arrangements have still to be completed it is possible to say now that the agreement has been reached on a scheme whereby pilots from the United Kingdom will come to Canada to be given the intermediate and advanced stages of training under the auspices of the department," said Mr. MacKenzie.

"The duration of the scheme will be three years. It is contemplated that the number of pilots coming will not exceed 50 in any one year. In line with a settled policy of increasing the air force first in Canada, the defence program Mr. MacKenzie announced \$6,000,000 would be spent on training of pilots this year. This is additional to further increases of aircraft and equipment and provision for training their air force personnel.

Training will be conducted in three stages—elementary, at civilian schools and flying clubs; intermediate, at Camp Borden, and advanced, chiefly at Trenton.

Short-Service Officers Short-service officers will be recruited for a period of four years and graduation from Royal Military College or a university will not be required for admission as in the case of regular officers.

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COMING EVENTS

- Dance Bradshaw Hall tonight. L-800.
Dance, St. Avards every Tuesday and Thursday night. L-788-4-27-11.
Dancing the hogs at Albany Thursday 27th, Emerald Friday night, G. C. Green. L-461-2-17-12.
Unloading car of hay tomorrow at Hunter River, signed Nicholson Bros. L-799.
We are continuing our special prices on started chicks while they last. A great buy. P. E. I. Co-Operative Hatchery. L-734-4-26-31.
The Hunter River Young Peoples Union present a variety concert in the Masonic Hall, Hunter River, Friday evening, April 27th. Admission 20c and 10c. L-767-4-27-11.
For Sale—Fresh Frozen Herring suitable for bait or for food. Write for phone us your orders. Signed Island Cold Storage Co. L-621-4-29-11.
All interested in the National Conservative Party are invited to the Social Evening at the Canadian Legion Rooms on Wednesday evening, April 26th at 8 p. m. L-680-4-25-31.

"Almost Certain" Royalty Will Travel To Canada By Liner Empress of Australia

LONDON, April 26—The diplomatic correspondent of the Press Association tonight reported it is "almost certain" that the King and Queen will sail to Canada in the liner Empress of Australia. The Admiralty, however, maintained it had not been informed of any change in the plans which call for the Royal Party to sail in the Battle Cruiser Repulse.

A switch to the Canadian Pacific liner would be a move to keep the fast and powerful battle cruiser at home because of European tensions.

The Press Association said there would be no change in other plans for the trip, scheduled to start from Portsmouth May 6. The King and Queen are due at Quebec May 16.

The Empress of Australia, in the England-Quebec service during the summer months, is a veteran ship, built in Slesettin, Germany, before the Great War and formerly named the "Tirpitz."

The Admiralty spokesman said that as far as he is concerned "there are absolutely no alterations" in the plan for the Repulse to go to North America. "We are going ahead with our plans as far as we are concerned the King and Queen are sailing on the Repulse."

The Daily Herald (Labor) also said the Empress of Australia would be used, and that she would be commissioned as a royal yacht. Robert Boothby, Conservative member of Parliament, withdrew the question which he had announced he would ask Prime Minister Chamberlain in the House of Commons: "Whether the Government is satisfied that the Repulse can safely leave European waters while the German Fleet is holding spring war games off Spain."

The withdrawal was not explained, but was believed connected with behind-the-scenes discussion of plans for the royal voyage. Those who express concern about sending the Repulse so far from home point out that Britain has only three battle cruisers and that two of them, the Hood and Renown, are laid up for repairs.

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Witnesses Declare Accused Told Them He Killed Girl

DALHOUSIE, N. S., April 26—Three of the nine witnesses heard today at the second trial of Robert Barbour, charged with the murder of Margaret Harris, declared he told them he killed the girl.

Napoleon Leger, clerk in the office of his brother, Sheriff John B. Leger, on March 30 last year, said he approached him at the court house that day and told him he had "just killed his lady friend."

Patrick Wilmot, who was a prisoner in jail here when Barbour was locked up that afternoon, said the latter had declared to him: "I just committed murder about ten minutes ago. I just killed my girl friend with a hammer. I was jealous of her. I took her out last night, and after I took her home she went out again with another man. When she came over to the house this afternoon we quarrelled and I killed her with a hammer. I don't see why I did it. I should have killed myself instead."

Robert Darbyson, who also was in jail at the same time, also testified the accused had told him he had killed a girl.

The other six witnesses heard before court adjourned until tomorrow were Jackie Harris, 13, brother of Margaret; Frances Barbour, sister of Robert; Mrs. John Harris, mother of the dead girl; Dr. Calixte Doucet, who had been summoned to the case; Sheriff Leger and R. C. M. Constable Daigle.

Hughes Measure Is Ruled In Order

OTTAWA, April 26—The bill sponsored by Senator J. J. Hughes (Lib.) Prince Edward Island which would remove soldier settlers from the operations of the Farmers Creditors Arrangement Act was declared by Speaker Foster to be in order and second reading of the measure was moved by Senator Hughes today.

The Senate last week vetoed the Government's bill which sought to extend the Farmers Creditors Arrangement Act beyond June 30 in Manitoba. The measure is operative only in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and, up to June 30, in Manitoba.

Although the Act has terminated generally in all except those three provinces, it is still operative in all provinces for soldier settlers. Government Leader Dandurand moved adjournment of the debate in order to ascertain what effect the bill would have on the provinces generally.

ST. LOUIS, April 26—John Barrymore, explaining "we're just two people who didn't hit it off together," confirmed reports tonight his fourth wife, Elaine Barrie, would divorce him.

The noted actor, who is appearing with his young wife here this week in "My Dear Children," said the two who were married 2 1/2 years ago, had decided to part-friends. She will probably charge incompatibility, he said.

Elaine, whom Barrymore described as "a very intelligent girl and a fine actress," was not immediately reached for comment.

NAZIS LITTLE IMPRESSED BY BRITISH STEPS

Claim Britain's Conscription Won't Change Military Balance Of Power.

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"It is the provocative nature of the move and not its military aspect that interests us," a Government spokesman said concerning the British announcement that all British men in their 21st year would become liable to six months of military training.

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Russia And Bulgaria Exchange Views On Affairs In Balkans

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 26—The possibility that Russia and Bulgaria might establish closer diplomatic relations was reported in informed quarters here after a conference between Premier George Kiossevanoff and Vladimir Potemkin, assistant foreign affairs commissar of Russia.

It was stated the Soviet Union was considering the appointment of a minister to Bulgaria, a post that has been vacant for a year. Russia has taken little interest in Balkan affairs for a long time, but Potemkin now is enroute to Ankara, where it is believed he will discuss Turkey's relations with Great Britain, France and Russia.

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Royal Party To Rest In 100-year-old Fortress Over Quebec.

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Within the great stone walls of the citadel, the governor-general's summer residence, set high on Cape Diamond and overlooking the ancient capital, their Majesties will spend brief moments between the rounds of their Quebec visit. Here they will rest on their first night in Canada.

From the moment the Royal Visitors pass up "Citadel Hill" from the ancient Grand Allee and through the famed chain-gate and the empty moat between the outer and inner fortifications of the citadel, they will see the careful planning and construction of the citadel, completed in 1832 after 10 years' labor.

At a cost of many million dollars, the citadel, with its walls stretched over 40 acres on the cliff-top in the form of a star was set up by the British to establish firmly the position they had acquired in Quebec by General James Wolfe's victory of 1759. Across a green in the interior of the citadel there is the long, three-storey stone and steel building, once occupied by officers of the Quebec garrison.

Rooms to be used by the King and Queen will be those usually occupied by Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir during the summer months they spend at the citadel. His Majesty's bedroom will be the Frontenac room. The king's sitting room is called the Laval, and the Queen's, the Levis.

Named after notables in Quebec's history, all the rooms on the top floor are almost identical and about 20 feet square, with two windows set in thick cream-colored walls, heavy carpets covering every inch of the floor, and strong arched ceilings.

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